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Chap. 6 Sec. 1-Liberty Church - Greenbank

Records of Session and Church of the "Head of
Greenbrier".

Bath County, Virginia. June 20, 1820.

Union Church of Christ in Bath County, Virginia, now
Pocahontas, convened at the house of Mr. Joseph Wooddell,
to consult the interest of the church and to revive it, if
thought adviseable. Present of the former members of the
church: Daniel Kerr, James Cooper, Jacob Gillispie, Nancy
Kerr, Nancy Cooper and Martha Gillispie.

Upon request of Mr. Joseph Wooddell, he was by their
unanimous vote, received again to full communion: Mr. Jos.
Wooddell and Mr. Daniel Kerr, and they consented to act
still in their former capacity of ruling Elders.

July 16, 1820

Mrs Elizabeth Hudson was received into full communion
and Mr. James Wooddell and Mr. Jacob Burner were received
to occasional communion.

June 30, 1821

Robert Kerr and Elizabeth Kerr received to full
communion and Andrew Lines to occasional.

Sept. 2, 1822

Mrs Sarah Yeager and Mrs. Priscilla Wooddell re-
ceived into full communion and Mrs. Anna Curry and Miss
Edith Curry to occasional communion. Mr. Benj. Tellman
was unanimously elected a ruling Elder.

Sept. 8, 1822

The preceeding are the records of the session during

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the labors of the Rev. Aretas Loomis.

Besides the proceedings, there are recorded the following baptisms:

June 13, 1819 -- John Daniel, son of Thomas Bradshaw

June 17, 1819 -- Eliza, daughter of James Cooper

June 20, 1819 -- Polly Kirkpatrick, daughter of Robert Kerr

Dec. 5, 1819 -- Rachel Primrose, daughter of Jacob Gillispie

Besides these there were nine other infant baptisms in 1820.

There is a note in the Session Book; This is the only record of this church that can be found from the year 1822-1831.

Year of 1832.

CHURCH REGISTER

Ruling Elders

(Joseph Wooddell
(Daniel Kerr
(Benj. Tallman
(Boon Tallman
(A. G. Mathews
(Robert D. McCutcheon

Members who had belonged to the church up to this time:

James Cooper
Nancy Cooper
John Clavens
Richard Hudson
Nancy Hudson
John Yeager
Thomas Bradshaw
Nancy Bradshaw
Jane Gammon
Robert Kerr
Eliza Ann Kerr
William Clavens
Margaret Clavens
Robert D. McCutcheon
Elizabeth McCutcheon
Margaret Buckman
Hugh McLaughlin
James G. Mathews
John Tallman

Mrs. Mary Tallman
Wm. Givens
Mrs. Givens
Mary Mathews
Solomon Conrad
Mrs. Conrad
Wm. Arbogast
Jane Arbogast
Mrs. Jane Lysart
Mrs. Ann Bruffey
James H. Cooper
Polly Kerr
Wm. Gibson
Isabella Gibson
Mahala McElwee
James A. Price
Margaret D. Price
Mrs. Ann Sharp

LOCALITY SOCIETY

Miss Shirat
John White
Mrs. White
Edward Irvine
Mrs. Irvine
Mr. Gay
Mrs. Gay
Andrew A. Gatewood
Henry A. Moffett
Saul McNeal
Ophelia Seal
Robert Curry
John McBlwee
John Moore
Benj. F. Irvine
James W. Gillispie
James T. Hartman
James A. Irvin
John T. Cooper
Marcus Williams
John Gifford
Adam Kerr
Nancy McGloughlin
Elizabeth D. Potts
Jane McGloughlin
Margaret Hartman
Margaret Sharp
Mezziah Hudson
Mary A. Irvin
Susan Nottingham
Jane Sheets

Nancy Hartman
Rachel Dysart
Delila Wimbrenner
Mary Wimbrenner
William Dysart
John Potts
Elizabeth Potts
Samuel Potts
Jane Potts
Abraham Hull, a colored man

I have spelled these names exactly as they were spelled on the old Session Book. Of course some of these had died and some had moved to other churches.

In the old Session Book is the following note:

In explanation of the foregoing records, it is proper to remark that they are put down as they were found on several pieces of loose paper. Some meetings or the session perhaps were never recorded, or were lost, so that nothing definitely is known on the subject. Those that are recorded seem to have been made during the labors of Rev. Loretas Loomis, James Kerr and John A. Blain.

It seems that Mr. Loomis was not in the habit of inviting the members of other churches to commune unless they first came before the session and stood an examination.

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When this was done, they were received to "occasional communion". This serves to explain why some were received in this way and not so the members of the church.

Joseph Brown, transcriber.

Sept. 22, 1844

The session convened at Deer Creek Union Church and was opened in prayer by Rev. Thomas.

Aug. 11, 1850

Elected Ruling Elders: Thomas Kerr, David A. Kerr, Robert D. McCutcheon.

March 16, 1851

Session convened at Mrs. Arbogast's and was opened with prayer by the Rev. L. Emerson. Session resolved that Presbytery be invited to hold its fall session at the new church that is now in its building.

June 15, 1851

Session convened at the new church that is now in building.

Nov. 4, 1855

Session opened by Rev. E. Thomas. Mr. Thomas advised the session that as the congregation has no pastor or stated supply, that they have prayer meeting and Sabbath school each Sabbath day.

Oct. 30, 1858

First meeting of Greenbrier Presbytery in this place with this congregation.

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Aug. 31, 1859

A number of the members of Liberty Church, living near Baxter Church petitioned Greenbrier Presbytery last spring to be organized into a church at Baxter and Presbytery granted their request and made the necessary arrangements for the organization of the church at Baxter. The session transferred the following members from Liberty Church to be organized into a church at Baxter:

Robert D. McCutcheon) Elders
Robert Curry)

Elizabeth McCutcheon
Nancy McGloughlin
Samuel H. McCutcheon
Christiana Jane McCutcheon
Elizabeth E. Curry
Caroline R. Nottingham
Nancy C. McCutcheon
Matilda G. Craig
Caroline E. Warwick
John B. McCutcheon
Wm. A. G. McCutcheon
Robert L. McCutcheon
Elizabeth E. McCutcheon
Mary Jane McGloughlin

Dec. 4, 1859

A collection was taken for domestic missions amounting to \$3.10.

May 21, 1861

A collection was taken for the Board of Education amounting to \$2.45.

June 22, 1862

A collection was taken for missions among the Southern Indians amounting to \$3.50.

Oct. 28, 1862

A collection was taken up to aid the Confederate

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Bible Society amounting to \$4.70.

From 1862 to 1866 there is no record.

November 1871

Elders elected: Peter H. Claven, Wm. L. Brown,
and Jacob Bible.

Aug. 18, 1872

A public collection was taken up today for the cause
of sustentation, amounting to \$4.50

Mar. 30, 1873

A public collection was taken up today for the cause of
Foreign missions, amounting to \$2.35.

July 19, 1874

A Sacramental meeting was held in Liberty Church today
by the pastor and the Revs. Messrs. Laird and Price from
the Lexington Presbytery.

Oct 10, 1875

It was reported that the salary to the pastor was
all paid.

1st Sabbath in Sept. 1888

Session met and elected trustees for the church, the
former trustees having died. The following were elected:
J. P. Looman, Geo. W. Kerr, Uriah Hevener, Ches. A. Lightner
and Wm. L. Brown.

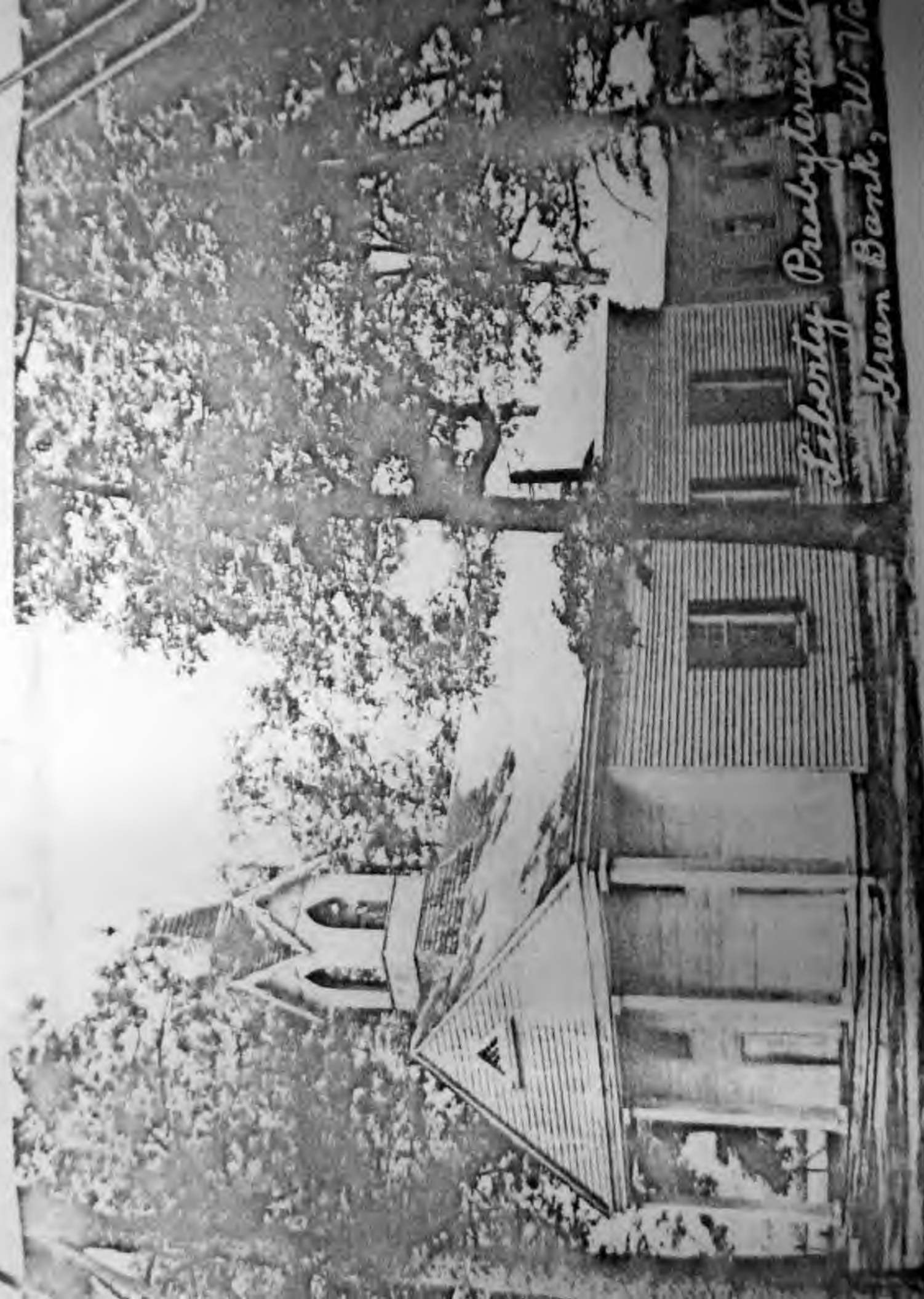
Aug. 14, 1891

Dr. J. P. Looman and Dr. C. G. Austin were unanimously
elected Ruling Elders.

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CHURCH REGISTER FOR 1896.

W. L. Brown)		Zack Nottingham
C. B. Hannsh)	Elders	Mrs. Zack Nottingham
J. F. Moomau)		Robt. W. Gum
C. S. Austin)		Jno. R. Gum
		Henry S. Cooper
Geo. M. Kerr)	Deacons	Austin Lightner
C. A. Lightner)		Wm. H. Gum
		Lucy C. Moomau
Phoebe Phillips		Mattie M. Austin
Mary A. Wooddell		Boon Moomau
Jane L. Curry		J. W. H. Siple
Polly H. Ervin		Anna M. Lightner
Minerva J. Kerr		Grace H. Halston
Addie L. Brown		Anna Gum
Preston C. Ervin		Isabel Brown
Nannie J. Moomau		Anna L. Hannah
Uriah Hevener		Maggie L. Gum
James D. Kerr		David Bright
Lizzie Hannah		Cora Ervin
Flora C. Moomau		Mary Conrad
Wm. B. Wooddell		Cora Conrad
Mary M. Moomau		Maggie Gum
Ida L. Brown		Sarah Brown
Mary M. Brown		W. R. Brown
M. Grace Hevener		Wash Ray
Vesta Kerr		J. P. Hamilton
John A. Logan		Robt. J. Brown
Mattie Hevener		Wallace Sutton
Mrs. C. A. Lightner		Henry Brown
Mrs. Jane Warwick		Robt. L. Brown
Mrs. Jno. Halston		Filden Brown
Nannie Warwick		Samuel Hannah
Mary Warwick		Hevener Hannah
Laban H. Wilfong		Pearl L. Brown
Mary B. Wilfong		Marian Ray
Lillian E. Moomau		Minnie Ray
Rube M. Halston		O. W. Huckman
Mary L. Kerr		Hiram Wooddell
Odessa J. Kerr		Clawdie S. W. Brown
Samuel J. Sutton		Mrs. Mable Wooddell
Maggie L. Kerr		Mrs. Marian Ray
Roberta Gum		Mrs. Nancy Galford
Laura Kerr		Allen Galford
John A. Hevener		Mrs. Robt. J. Brown
M. B. Trainer		Thos. S. Patterson
Alla Trainer		Maggie L. Ervin
Fannie Ray		Pattie Hannah
Geo. Hannsh		
Janche Gum		



*Liberty Presbyterian Church
Green Bank, W. Va.*



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LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - Greenbank, W. Va.

Organized 1804 -

Church built in 1831.

Chapter 6 - Section 1

Liberty Church (1804)

Liberty Church at Greenbank, first known as "Head of Greenbrier" (then in Bath County, Virginia) was organized in 1804.- This church traces its origin to the labors of Aretas Loomis, pioneer minister in the Tygart's Valley region, and there is a record of the Rev. John McCue's having visited "Head of Greenbrier" during his ministry in the Lewisburg and Union Churches in 1783-1791.

The new church was built and dedicated Oct. 11, 1851. Dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. B. M. Smith, from the 122 Psalm and first verse.

There is no record of regular pastorate in Liberty Church before 1860, but sessional records indicate occasional services by visiting ministers, among whom are named: Rev. L. Emerson, Rev. Calvin Barr, Rev. Henry Brown, Rev. M. D. Dunlap, Rev. M. L. Lacy and Rev. C. C. See.

Roll of ministers of Liberty Church:

R. P. Kennedy	1860-1866
David Sydenstricker	1872-1873
A. H. Hamilton	1874-1875
J. H. McCown	1878-1871
Wm. T. Price	1888-1890
B. A. Pendleton (Supply)	1891
John V. McCall (Supply)	1892
E. F. Alexander	1893-1895
R. M. Caldwell	1896-1899
Henry W. McLaughlin	1900-1903

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ASA Watkins (Supply)	1903-1904
R. E. Fultz	1904-1906
W. W. Bain	1907-1910
J. S. Kennison	1910-1913
L. H. Lancaster (Supply)	1913-1914
H. H. Leach (Supply)	1915
L. A. Kelly	1916-1917
J. M. Sydenstricker (Supply)	1918
D. McD. Monroe	1919-1924
George W. Mauze (Supply)	1926-1928
D. McD. Monroe	1919-1937
A. B. Williford	1938-present

"Head of Greenbrier" was one of the original churches of the Greenbrier Presbytery at the time of the Presbytery's organization in 1335, and the church was organized by Lexington Presbytery. This old church has a fine record of service through the years.

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